

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

May 10, 2021

via Zoom

Attendees

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Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Don Simon	NI6A
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Marian Gade	KC6OBK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
David Naisuler	KN6BVF
Kristen Gates	KM6TBG
Martha Richards	KN6ELO

Agenda:

Training session:

- Band plans, frequency sharing/efficiency
- Basic ham tools, VOM, SWR, dummy load
- Discussion of establishing predetermined schedule of weekly net exercises

Business session:

Old business:

- report on status of qualification for club affiliation with ARRL

New business:

- CERT areas/zone changes
- Tech./Infrastructure

status of EC Fire station equipment

KCC future patch box

Ken6 Comm Hub equipment issues/repair

antenna repairs

antenna from Chris Hilliard given to Rob

- Elmering

antennas, power/SWR measurements, connectors/tools

- Treasurer/Funding
Treasurer report
Dues paying member update

GMRS radios for fundraising

- Outreach/recruiting/web

KE roster and inclusion

- Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

1st Wed., reports

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the April meeting minutes.

A request was made to add field day in the meeting agenda

Training session

Band plans, frequency sharing guidelines:

- Band plan lists of 2 meter, 1.25 meter, and 70cm simplex frequencies are available
- Listening before transmitting is always necessary.
- Do not use weak signal, calling, or repeater frequencies for simplex.

Basic test equipment:

- NI6A contributed a newsletter article on the minimum 3 test equipment items for basic maintenance: the multimeter, SWR meter, and dummy load.

Advanced planning of training:

- Can training topics be planned in advance and members notified before the weekly nets and membership meetings?
- With rotating net controls, can there be continuity of training topics and skills practice on consecutive weeks?
- Should net control or a different person lead the weekly net training session?
- Work needs to be done on a functioning training committee.

Business session

Old business:

- Club affiliation with the ARRL requires 51% ARRL members, it has been determined that we have 55% ARRL members.
- The affiliation request has been submitted and we are waiting for the approval.

New business:

- New CERT areas are being designated for evacuation zones but these new area numbers are not related to the existing CERT area numbers.

Technical / Infrastructure - BEE/NI6A

- Old equipment from Firestation 71 has been retrieved and is being worked on.
- A request has been made for permission to install an outside patchbox at the KCC building and we are waiting for the reply.

Treasury/Funding - GIO

- There are now 23 paying club members, more than \$1000 in the bank account, and no outstanding debts.
- Suggestions on how to attract more paying members are welcomed.

Elmering - NI6A/BEE

- Work is being done on testing older radios, repairing antennas and a diplexer.
- A suggestion was made to list past elmering tasks as a new item for the newsletter.

Recruiting and Outreach - SWK

- The upcoming field day on 6/26 will contribute to outreach and public relations.
- Can notices be placed in newspapers?
- Field Day locations such as the EC Plaza were suggested.

The meeting was adjourned